



# ***IF PROGRAM***

## ***Newsletter***



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## ***A Word from the Director.....***

With our Hawaii and Florida tans quickly fading, we must now change our focus from warm sunshine to the cooler weather of a PA spring and academic year-end requirements. I'm sure the faculty have you well in hand so the IFP will get you ready for return to your home countries. In preparation for graduation and departure there are numerous of steps you must take in order to make your transition as smooth as possible. You will find helpful information in this newsletter addition to guide you through the process. If you have any questions, please stop at the office and one of us will promptly assist you.

# The CALENDAR!!

## *April*

7-8 ..... **Sports Day**  
13-17..... **Spring Recess**  
21..... **CGSC Dinner At  
Gettysburg**  
25..... **IF vs. US Soccer Game**

## *May*

13..... **Joint Ball**  
15-17... **Washington Class Trip**  
20..... **IF Picnic for the Sponsors**  
29..... **Memorial Day Holiday**

## *June*

1..... **Commandant Farewell  
Dinner for IF and Spouse**  
  
10..... **Graduation Holiday**



## MAY

3 May – Constitution Day (Poland)  
14 May -- Independence Day (Israel)  
17 May – Constitution Day (Norway)  
20 May -- Republic Day (Cameroon)  
22 May -- Independence Day (Yemen)  
25 May -- Independence Day (Jordan)

## JUNE

2 June -- Republic Day (Italy)  
12 June -- Independence Day (Philippines)

# General



## Graduation Information



At the class draws nearer to graduation on June 10, 2006, the requirement to plan your return movement becomes more pressing. It's time to think about coordinating payment of final bills, disposing of your car, sending Retainable Instructional Material (RIM), clearing quarters, arranging airline tickets, terminating utilities (water, telephone, TV Cables, gas, oil, trash, etc.), and a wide variety of others details.

## Clearing Procedures

When the time comes, you will receive a set of clearing papers to utilize during your out processing. Although you may not, have used some of the facilities here on the barracks, you will still need to go to each and get the appropriate signature and/or stamp. Providing an accurate GOOD FORWARDING address is critical. Your address will not be released to any unauthorized individuals. It can be an official work address if you prefer. Once you receive your clearing papers feel free to stop by and see Emilio to resolve any issues or to ask any questions.

## Selling/Announcements

Although the email and US Army War College's various networks provide superb distribution and capability to "reach out and touch" so many different personnel; you cannot use the email service or any automated version to sell, trade, or relieve yourself or burdensome items. Be sure to ask before you use a certain CBKS media, format, or network to advertise your items. If you are unsure who to contact about it, please stop by the IF Office and ask. Someone will be able to point you in the right direction. There are a number of ways you can accomplish your mission.

## Car Sales

For some Fellows, the disposition of the car is already planned. Others will need to sell their cars. Cars (and other items) may be advertised for sale in the Carlisle Barracks Daily Bulletin at no charge to the seller. Some cars were sold under a "buy back" plan, with the dealer agreeing to repurchase the car. My advice is to advertise and make every attempt to sell it to another student or a local citizen. If you have not disposed of your vehicle by the week prior to the date you are scheduled to leave, sell it to a dealer or arrange for a friend to sell it for you using a "Special Power of Attorney" available from the Post Judge Advocate Office.

# Return Travel Plan



As we approach the end of the Academic Year, you should have already taken the initial steps for return travel arrangements. There are a few things that I would like to point out. With the latest change to the security requirements for flying on commercial aircraft, some airlines have already **DECREASED** the maximum weight allowance of checked baggage from 70 pounds to 50 pounds. I would suggest that you check and verify with your particular company and find out what the maximum allowance is. Excess weight can be very expensive if even authorized. I would also point out that check-in times vary from flight to flight. This would also be something to inquire about while you are speaking to them.

If you are an IMET student and have not **FINALIZED** your travel arrangement with Emilio, you should do so now.

**ALL INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS.** When you do have your travel arrangements finalized as to dates and itineraries, please send an email to Emilio informing him of the details. The IFP must have this information for the required "Completion Reports" and "SAO" notification messages back to your countries.

## NOTICE....

**IDENTIFICATION (I.D) CARDS.** By the JSET Regulation, AR 12-15, ALL I.D. cards must be turned in **PRIOR** to your departure.

# UTILITIES & SERVICES

Most of the utility services mentioned require 30 days notice to get final bills determined. The telephone company will not have your final bill ready until mid-July regardless of when they are notified. The TV Cable company will not return your deposit until four weeks after you return the converter box. Many other services also take several weeks to determine final billing. In previous years, Fellows have dealt with the payment of late billing in many ways. Some have left enough money to cover the unpaid bills with a friend, landlord (or owner), or sponsor. Others have arranged for the Embassy to clear the accounts. A third option used successfully in years past is to have the next student from your country clear final accounts, then settle with you. You may elect to leave your bank account open so as to pay final bills by check. Remember to leave sufficient funds in your account. Return deposits for TV Cable converters can be arranged in a similar manner. You may elect to have the return deposit sent to your bank account, to your sponsor, to your landlord, or to your next address. The IF Office staff will help as much as possible; however, WE CANNOT pay bills, sell cars or other items, clear quarters or move furniture. Do not plan to leave money for bills with the office. If you can think of no other way to pay these bills, stop by and we will work with you on a resolution.



## R.I.M.

(Retainable Instructional Material)



Yu will be allowed to send Retainable Instructional Material (RIM) back to your country. The IF office will receive, verify, seal and mail your boxes between 22, 23, 30 and 31 May. This process will occur during scheduled times. The IFP officer will send a memorandum with the schedule and details. You are authorized 200 lbs (approx 90 kg) of RIM shipped to the U.S. Military Representative in your country for further shipment to you. Nonacademic material is not authorized. Material in excess of the weight and/or not course related will be returned to you. You may either mail this at your personal expense or carry it with you.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Carlisle Borough, Water Dept	249-4422
COMCAST	800-995-6545
Pennsylvania Power & Light	800-342-5775
Sprint	800-877-4646
United Gas Inc (UGI)	800-276-2722
Waste Management (Trash)	800-634-4595

## SPRING BREAK.....



One of the busiest traveling times of the year. Most vacationing resorts and hotels get real busy during this brief period. If you haven't made reservations already, it may be too late. Here are some military guest house numbers for you to use. The IF office has a lodging book for you to use to try and find some of those "better deals" available to I.D. card holders.

Do not forget that if you do leave the area you are expected to leave a POC name and number.

Florida	New York
Patrick AFB, 1-888-AFLODGE Shades of Green...1-888-593-2242	FT Hamilton, (718) 630-564  Niagara Fall Reserve Station (1-888-AFLODGE)



# Holiday Information

**Memorial Day** is a United States federal holiday that takes place on May 30th and is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as **Decoration Day**. This holiday commemorates U.S. men and women who died in military service for their country. It began first to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it expanded to include those who died in any war or military action. Today, some Americans apparently use Memorial Day weekend to also honor family members who have passed away. Church services on the Sunday prior to Memorial Day may include a reading of the names of members who have died during the previous 12 months.



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Many people observe this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. A National Moment of Remembrance takes place at 3 PM. Another tradition is to fly the U.S. Flag at half-staff from dawn until noon local time. In addition to remembrance, Memorial Day is also a time for picnics, family gatherings, and sporting events. One of the longest standing traditions is the running of the Indianapolis 500, which has been held in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911.

Memorial Day traditionally occurs on May 30, and some, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), advocate returning to this fixed date. The VFW stated in a 2002 Memorial Day Address, "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day." Hawaii's Senator Inoye has repeatedly introduced measures to return Memorial Day to its traditional day since 1999. However, at least some Americans enjoy the guaranteed three-day weekend that comes with observing the holiday on a Monday. Americans popularly view Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer, while they view Labor Day as the unofficial end of the season.

# Unified Command Trip Photos

# Hawaii



I propose to take a break and hit the beach....what do you say prof?



Be honest, don't I look good?





# Hawaii



*This is the life!!!*



I can also throw this with a Mai Tai in one hand!!!



Everyone is looking at us...they must think that we are twins!!



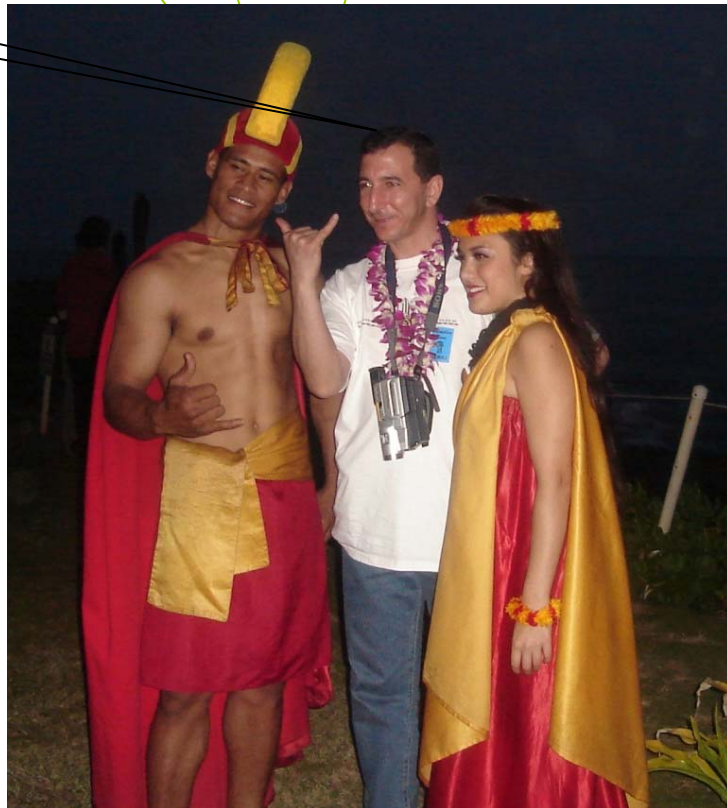


# Hawaii



*Do you think  
that we have  
a chance to  
make the  
Sports  
Illustrated  
Swimsuit  
Issue?*

ALOHA AAA!!!







# BATTLESHIP MISSOURI

*"An American Hero"*

No German, this is not the  
Titanic.







Who is the man??

Who's in charge here??





This is not my brother. We look alike but I'm more handsome than him!!





Highlights from the Asia Pacific Center for Strategic Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii

COL Jeff  
Sengelman makes  
the presentation to  
the Dean, APCSS



COL Roland  
Amarille adds  
to the  
discussion.



COL Sang Jo  
Jeon questions  
the panel  
members.





USAFA  
WELCOMES

US ARMY WAR  
COLLEGE  
INTERNATIONAL





Where did  
the  
alligator  
go?

Is went  
that way



Have you seen  
the alligator?





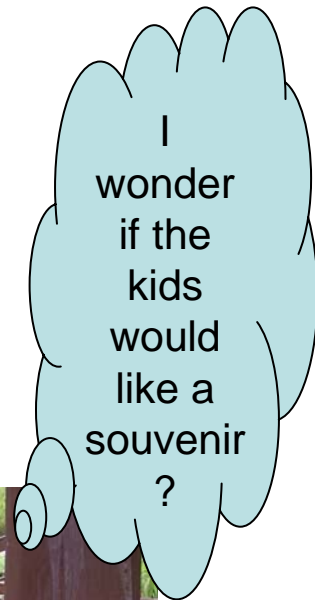
Before



After

















# U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND HEADQUARTERS



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INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS  
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22 February 2006**

